



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 316

LCO No. 2051



Referred to Committee on EDUCATION

Introduced by:
(ED)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF CARELINE INFORMATION
IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-221s of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2016*):

3 (a) Each local and regional board of education shall post the
4 telephone number for the Careline operated by the Department of
5 Children and Families, pursuant to section 17a-103a, as amended by
6 this act, in a conspicuous location in each school under the jurisdiction
7 of the board.

8 (b) A local or regional board of education shall permit and give
9 priority to any investigation conducted by the Commissioner of
10 Children and Families or the appropriate local law enforcement
11 agency that a child has been abused or neglected pursuant to sections
12 17a-101a to 17a-101d, inclusive, and section 17a-103. Such board of
13 education shall conduct its own investigation and take any
14 disciplinary action, in accordance with the provisions of section 17a-

15 101i, upon notice from the commissioner or the appropriate local law
 16 enforcement agency that such board's investigation will not interfere
 17 with the investigation of the commissioner or such local law
 18 enforcement agency.

19 Sec. 2. Section 17a-103a of the general statutes is repealed and the
 20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

21 The Commissioner of Children and Families shall [provide a
 22 telephone hotline] establish and operate the telephone Careline for
 23 child abuse and neglect that shall be dedicated to receive reports of
 24 child abuse or neglect and to provide information concerning child
 25 abuse or neglect. [Such hotline] The Careline shall accept all reports of
 26 child abuse or neglect regardless of the relationship of the alleged
 27 perpetrator to the child who is the alleged victim and regardless of the
 28 alleged perpetrator's affiliation with any organization or other entity in
 29 any capacity. The commissioner shall classify and evaluate all reports
 30 pursuant to the provisions of section 17a-101g.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	10-221s
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	17a-103a

Statement of Purpose:

To require local and regional boards of education to post in the public schools the telephone number for the Department of Children and Families' Careline.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]